

Town of Apex, North Carolina

PROCLAMATION

From the Office of the Mayor

ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month is a month to celebrate and pay tribute to the contributions of Asian/Pacific Americans to American history, society, and culture; and

WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month originated in a congressional bill in June of 1977. On March 28, 1979, President Carter issued Presidential Proclamation 4650, proclaiming the week of May 4, 1979, as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week; and

WHEREAS, On May 1, 2009 President Obama issued Presidential Proclamation 8369 proclaiming May 2009 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders comprise many ethnicities and languages, and their many achievements embody the American experience; and

WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islander men and women are leaders in all aspects of American life: government and industry, science and medicine, the arts and our Armed Forces, education and sports; and

WHEREAS, the residents, businesses, and government institutions of the Town of Apex, North Carolina are firmly committed to celebrating and promoting diversity, inclusion, and cultural traditions of our Town's communities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor of the Town of Apex, do hereby recognize May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in the Town of Apex and call upon all citizens to reflect on the significant contributions Asian American and Pacific Islander communities have shaped our national life.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Apex, North Carolina to be affixed this the 24th day of May 2022.

Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor